

Dear FCC, As someone who travels a great deal for both work and pleasure, I have been delighted with satellite radio service for the variety and quality of its product offerings as well as its universal accessibility where ever I have to go. It is a valuable compliment to the local programming in any given area. I find that I utilize both satellite and local programming for information and entertainment, and would still do so if satellite broadcasting was permitted to offer localized traffic and weather information. This would be most helpful when travelling toward an area but still out of range of the local broadcast signals. It would also be of interest in the event that a friend or associate was in another city where it would be helpful to know their real time conditions. I see no reason for the local broadcast stations to be concerned about any significant loss of market share should the satellite networks be allowed to provide this type of localized information. I urge you to reject petition 04-160, and allow satellite broadcasting to include local traffic and weather information channels.

Thank you, Ken Buckley